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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved"—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

CANADA AND THE NAVY.

The feeling of disappointment among Canadians that there are no Canadian war vessels in the splendid British fleet in the North Sea, receives fresh impetus whenever thought is directed to the marvelous work being accomplished by the British navy. "Thank God for the navy," is the manner in which Major Percy Guthrie, himself wounded in the Empire cause, referred last night to this phase of England's participation in the world war. And the statement might be amplified many times before reaching the limit of truth.

The British navy has kept Britain and the Overseas Dominions safe from the enemy. Had the squadrons at the disposal of Admiral Jellicoe been less powerful the German High Canal fleet would have emerged from its hiding place long ago and ravaged British coasts and British shipping. As it is the navy of Germany, a navy built and equipped for the sole purpose of attaining the mastery of the seas and bringing about the wreck of Britain's power, has not dared to join battle with the ships under the command of the brave Jellicoe.

Canada has bravely borne her part in the land operations in which the Empire's troops have been engaged, but it is a matter for sincere regret that there are no Canadian Dreadnoughts in the Empire's armada. Australia and New Zealand have not only won their laurels in the land fighting but were also ready with the ships when the call came. Canada alone was remiss in her duty. Why?

Was it because the Canadian people were one wait behind their brothers in Australia and New Zealand in the quality of their loyalty? Not for one minute. Canada is not represented in the British battle fleets because Laurier barred the way. Because after entering in the House of Commons all his power to defeat Sir Robert Borden's proposal for naval aid, he passed the word to his parasites in the Senate and they strangled the bill which would have brought to this country an added glory and a very comforting sense of having assisted the Empire when assistance was required. But the Canadian people have not forgotten. Given the opportunity they will, with certain voice, pronounce their verdict upon the men through whose agency they were so humiliated. Until then they must bear the shame that will come with the realization that when the cry is raised "Thank God for the navy," Canada can not pride herself on having contributed to the splendid achievements that call for that expression of thankfulness.

THE BALKAN SITUATION

Bulgaria faces a crisis. The decision of her government to mobilize the army and the fact that this action gave rise to an impression that the turbulent Balkan nation was about to side with the Central Powers in the world war has occasioned much opposition on the part of the Bulgarian people and last night's despatches told of a stormy interview between representatives of the Opposition parliamentary party and King Ferdinand. Some of the statesmen who met His Majesty did not mince words with him. Plainly they told him that he would be held personally responsible for the result of his desire to throw the Bulgarian people into the arms of the Huns.

From this it is assured that if the Bulgarian government should decide to commit itself to a policy of alliance with Germany the people will be seriously divided, and internal opposition may prove sufficiently strong to seriously interfere with the nation's fighting force. Coincident with news of the development at Sofia comes word that Greece has determined on a bold stand and that, if Bulgaria attacks Serbia, Hellenic aid will at once be placed at the disposal of the Serbs.

In the meantime the Russian successes have been responsible for stiffening the Roumanian attitude and it is not unlikely that the most powerful of the near eastern nations may decide to throw her lot with the Allies. Should she do so and the Bulgarians continue along the lines indicated by recent developments the future for

King Ferdinand's country is decidedly gloomy. Bulgaria could not actively side with Germany now unless absolutely assured that the Central Powers would be victorious, and if King Ferdinand and his Prime Minister are as well informed on conditions as they should be, they must realize that victory for Germany is impossible. Defeat for the Central Powers would mean Bulgarian ruin, for assuredly the she would be heavily penalized in the future and her dream of securing Macedonia would never be realized. Consequently the most recent developments in Athens and Sofia favor the opinion that Bulgaria will take one more look before leaping to what could mean nothing but disaster.

CONCERNING OVERDRAFTS.

Dealing with Commissioner Potts and street work the Times intimates that this journal of the home and fire-side approves of a policy of overdrafts for public expenditure and, evidently, with a new found desire to criticize the civic administration under the commission form of government, remarks: "To admit the wisdom of a general and continuous policy of overdrafts would remove every safeguard against extravagant expenditure." Evidently the Times does not approve of overdrafts for public work even when mitigating circumstances might be urged in their favor. This revelation of the Times' present opinion is refreshing and, to quote the words of the eminent journalist at the helm of that newspaper, "suppose we carry this argument a little farther." What is the Times' opinion, for instance, of overdrafts in the provincial service, such overdrafts, shall we say, as might be represented by the borrowings of a former premier who permitted the cryptic initials, "W. P., \$5,000," to stand for real cash until the government which he formerly led was defeated at the polls and exposure became imminent? If it is wrong for a civic commissioner, in order to complete public work, to overdraw in his department, (and The Standard does not defend the practice) how much worse is it for a politician to create, (or his private accommodation what, for courtesy, we are prepared to call "overdrafts" in public funds? Any information the Times may care to supply on this point will, doubtless, be interesting.

THE BRIDGE AND CAR SERVICE.

The Times last evening said: "It was announced today that the curved rails for the western approach of the street railway line across the new highway bridge have been shipped and soon will be here."

Thus is the work proceeding which will soon give the people a through street car service from all parts of the city to the West End and Fairville. It was also reported late last night that the splendid new bridge at the Reversing Falls, which stands as a monument to the energy and capacity of the members of the Clarke Government, is still secure and unshaken, despite the editorial fulminations from the Telegraph.

It will require more than "hot air bombs" from Canterbury street to cause the people to forget that during all the years the Telegraph's friends were in power in Fredericton no move was made to span the falls with a structure over which the street railway system could run and thus improve the facilities for local transportation. This work was done by the Clarke Government which explains the Telegraph's attempt at criticism.

Major Percy A. Guthrie, who arrived in the city last evening, was accorded a welcome fitting to a man who made sacrifices for the cause of Empire, served with distinction on the battlefields of France and Flanders, gave his blood for his country, and, while on his way home, played a leading role in a drama of personal heroism on the occasion of the sinking of the Hesperian. Such men as Percy Guthrie have caused the name of Canada to take on a new lustre. No honor the people of this country can show him would be more than he deserves.

An interesting cable from a special correspondent of The Standard at the battle line in France and Flanders is published in this morning's issue of this paper. His report that he found the Canadian troops in good health and spirits will be read with gratification by all. It is through the courtesy of Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Perley that representative Canadian newspapers are receiving these cables. The premier personally urged on the British War Office that Canadian press representatives should be permitted to visit the battlefield, a request which the Imperial authorities were very willing to grant.

ST. JOHN PEOPLE ALIVE TO NEED OF THE AUCTION

A partial list of donations promised in the city yesterday.

The big campaign continues. The widespread canvass for gifts to the \$50,000 patriotic auction still goes merrily on. And the promise of donations increases each day in both city and country districts with many handsome offers of a greatly varied nature. The canvassers will remain at work until all districts have been solicited thoroughly, though they will be unable to make a house-to-house canvass, relying upon the patriotism and generosity of private citizens to be sufficient to cause them to send in their offerings without further appeal. A partial list of the contributions sent in yesterday is given as follows:

Mrs. J. D. Maher, sofa, \$30.
C. B. Pidgeon, suit men's clothes, \$25.
A. W. Adams, paint, metal polish, etc., \$25.
S. McDiarmid, toilet articles, \$50.
R. W. W. Frink, furniture, \$40.
E. Ryan (Greys Mills), cash and atlas, \$15.
Mrs. Irvine (Hampton Station), sofa, \$25.
Harry I. Cowan (Hampton), moose head, \$30.
R. G. Flewelling (Hampton) carriage.
S. H. Flewelling (Hampton) sleigh.
Dr. F. H. Wetmore (Hampton) books, \$50.
Mrs. T. W. Barnes (Hampton) organ, \$75.
Miss McGrath, toilet articles, \$15.
Philip Grannan, stove, \$15.
Order of Moose, billiard table (American) \$200.
Mrs. W. C. Matthews, history of Canada, \$25.
Amdur & Co., violin, \$25.
James Pender Co., Ltd., nails, thirty-three kegs, \$107.
James Robertson Co., Ltd., bathroom outfit, \$100.
Carl C. Schmidt, ring, \$15.
Gilbert O. Bent, books, \$50.
H. J. Dick, toilet articles, \$21.60.
J. S. Harding, carriage, \$125.
A. R. Corbett, goods, \$15.
Mrs. F. G. Scovill, Persian lamb coat.
Chas. Fawcett Ltd., Sackville, range.
C. E. L. Jarvis, sideboard, \$115.
Mrs. Jas. Gerow, books, \$20.
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A. W. Peters, \$50.
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Macaulay Bros. & Co., sugar and \$122.20.
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Stewart River, sundries, \$25.
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R. N. Dean, chair and davenport.
Mrs. R. M. and Miss L. Hazen, \$25.
J. S. Knight, sleigh, \$75.
S. Hayward Co., Ltd., goods, \$51.55.

NINE BOYS ARE REMANDED ON THEFT CHARGE

Magistrate will decide how many to commit for trial in higher Court.

The nine boys charged with breaking, entering and stealing from Thomas Dean's grocery store on the corner of Wall street and the City Road, also into Song Lee's laundry, 32 City Road, were arraigned in the police court yesterday afternoon.

Song Lee told of finding the door of the laundry broken open one night and of losing ninety-two cents from the till. For this theft Fred Wilson and Roy Northrup were charged with the stealing and Detective Barrett testified that the reason he arrested them on suspicion was because Kinsella and Abe Lavine, who are charged with breaking into Dean's, informed him that if he went out and arrested Wilson and Northrup he would get the right persons for breaking into the laundry. They stated to the effect that

Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

I wasn't aloud out last nite awn akkount of pop not allowing me, and pop was setting in the morris chare in the setting room reeding the papir and I was setting awn the floor with my feet undirneath of me wishing I was aloud out, and awl of a suddin sumboddy startid to wissel out in the street, beeing Skinny Martin wisseling for me to come out, me reckeriding the wissel awn akkount of noboddy but Skinny Martin beeing abel to wissel that loud.

Lissen to the mocking bard, sed pop aftr Skinny had wisselod about 17 times. And he rattled his papir and kepp awn reeding it, and jest then Pude Simkins startid to yell, Ho Benny, ho Benny, and Skinny Martin kepp awn wisseling and Pude Simkins kepp awn yelling Ho Benny, ho Benny, making twice as much noise as celthir wun of them wood alone, with is saying a good sel.

O well, thare bound to get tired in a minit or so, sed pop. And he kepp awn reeding the papir and jest then Sid Hunt startid to go, Yoo hoo Benny, yoo hoo, Benny, yoo hoo, yoo hoo.

Darn it, this thing has ceesed to be a joak, Benny, go and call out the frunt window to those boys to stop thare racket, tell them its no use, you cant come out, sed pop.

How about if I write them a note and drop it out the window, I sed.

Awl rite, thats bettr yet, sed pop, thares enuff noise going awn awl reddy without you adding to it, rite a note by awl means.

Wich I did, and awl the time I was riting it Skinny kepp awn wisseling and Pude kepp awn yelling, Ho Benny, and Sid kepp awn going, Benny, yoo hoo, yoo hoo, wat I rote beeing, I aint aloud to come out, please kepp awn making awl the noise possibl. And I went and dropped it out of the 2nd stoary window and calm back in the setting room, and in about a minit they awl startid agen wesse than evir.

Bloo blases, sed pop, Benny, did you drop them that note.

Yes sir, I sed, and pop sed, Well then go down and take them away, take them as many miles as possibl.

And wen do I haf to come back, I sed.

I dont care if you nevvir come back, sed pop.

And I went out and startid a gain of primers base about half way up the block.

they received this information from Northrup's brother, Ott.

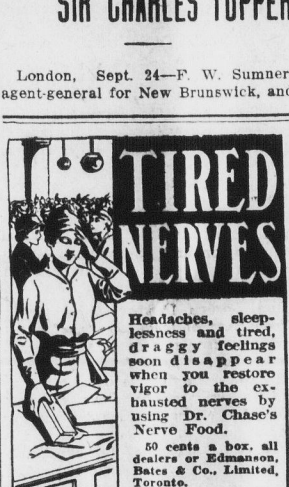
Kinsella testified that he told the officer the story from the information he had received from Ott Northrup.

Ott Northrup took the stand and said that he did not tell any such thing to Kinsella.

The nine boys were remanded to jail until this morning when the magistrate said he would decide how many he would commit for trial.

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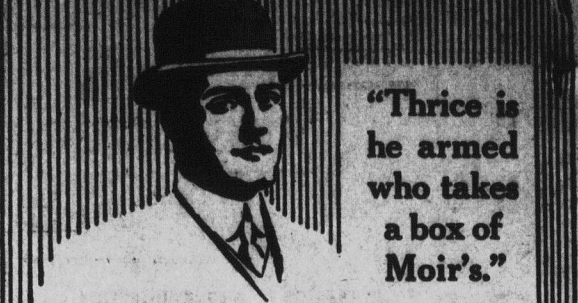
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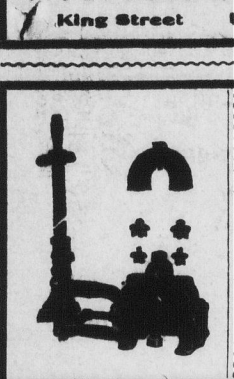
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